

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.115 is being filed concurrently with applicants' Divisional Application Filing Request pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(B). Applicants' parent application serial no. 10/112,119, filed 30 March 2002, is a continuation-in-part of parent application serial no. 09/580,265, filed 26 May 2000.

The Examiner required restriction of claims 1-28 in parent application serial no. 10/112,119, filed 30 March 2002. Specifically, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups.

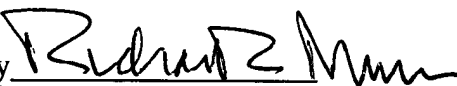
I. Claims 1-15.

II. Claims 16-18.

In the parent/continuation-in-part application, applicants elected to prosecute the claims of Group 1, claims 1-15. In this divisional application, applicant has elected to prosecute the claims of Group 2, claims 16-28, and has withdrawn claims 1-15. Accordingly, claims 16-28 are presently being examined.

These amendments to the claims are fully supported in the specification as originally filed, and thus no new matter is introduced by these amendments in accord with 35 U.S.C. Section 132. Accordingly, applicant requests entry of these amendments. In view of the following Amendment, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner pass the above-identified application to issue.

Applicant's attorney authorizes the Examiner to charge Deposit Account 13-4822 if there are any additional charges in connection with this matter.

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